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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Briere  
Appl. No.: Group Art Unit:  
Filed: July 9, 2001  
For: BLOW MOLDING DEVICE FOR PRODUCING THERMOPLASTIC  
CONTAINERS

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application filed contemporaneously herewith as follows:

#### In The Specification:

On page 1, immediately after the title of the application, please insert the following paragraph:

## CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/553,413, filed April 4, 2000 which was a Reissue Application filed for U.S. Patent No. 5,968,560, Application No. 08/945,089 filed October 17, 1997, which was the National Phase Entry of PCT application PCT/FR/00576, filed April 16, 1996. The 09/553,413 and 08/945,089 applications are hereby incorporated herein in their entirety by reference.

**In The Claims:**

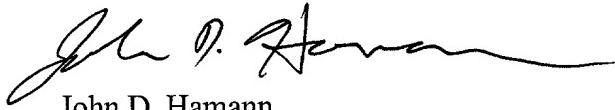
Cancel Claims 1-21 and Claims 32-33.

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REMARKS

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,



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